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TAGS: SCS DENNIS CAMERON

SUBJECT: LETTER TO OBTAIN GRATIS AIRLINES TICKETS

1. CONSUL HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MR. DENNIS CAMERON, TIME CORRESPONDENT WOUNDED DURING 11 FEB. ARTILLERY ATTACK ON PHNOM PENH AND MEDEVAC'D TO BANGKOK. MR. CAMERON REMAINS HOSPITALIZED AT THE BANGKOK NURSING HOME, BANGKOK, AND HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

2. AN 8-YEAR OLD COMBODIAN GIRL WHO LOST AN ARM AND A LEG DURING A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST SAPPER ATTACK ON PHNOM PENH IN OCTOBER 1972 HAS BEEN OFFERED FREE MEDICAL ATTENTION (TO INCLUDE ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, THERAPY, ETC.) BY AN ORGANIZATION IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE GIRL, OR HER FAMILY, MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CLEVELAND. MR. CAMERON, WHO HAS BEEN CARING FOR THE CHILD SINCE HER INJURIES (ALONG WITH TWO OTHER HORRIBLY WOUNDED CHILDREN) SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR AN AIRLINE TICKET. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED, HOWEVER, BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TWA IN BANGKOK, THAT THE MUTILATED GIRL AND CHAPERON WILL BE GIVEN GRATIS TICKETS IF HE RECEIVES A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR BY EXTENSION THE EMBASSY, STATING THAT THE ISSUANCE OF "FREE TICKETS IS IN THE URGENT INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT".

3. CONSUL UNDERSTANDS THAT SUCH A LETTER IS NEEDED TO COVER THE ISSUANCE OF FREE TICKETS BY A COMMERICAL AMERICAN AIRLINE SHOULD

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THE CIVIAL AVIATION BOARD (CAB) INITIATE INQUIRES, ETC. WHILE

THE MATTER MAY NOT FALL INTO THE "URGENT" INTEREST OF THE USG,
AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST
MR. CAMERON.

4. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE AS TO WHAT ACTION WE CAN TAKE.
IF DEPARTMENT PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO SEND A LETTER
TO THE TWA GENERAL MANAGER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
FORMAT AND LANGUAGE WE SHOULD USE.
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